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A It is still too early to predict whether The Technique of The Love Affair is Going Over. As this is written the book has been published exactly one day. But we have had a few so-called Excursions and Alarums. Today a Hurry Call came from The Grand Central Terminal Book Shop to rush 15 more copies, that the first 10 were practically gone, and would we send 25 extra for the window?

Yesterday afternoon Your Correspondent called on Mr. PLACHT of The Beacon Book Shop. Had there been any calls for The Technique? None as yet. Y. C. asked him to put one of the ten copies in the window. This morning a reorder was received in the mail. Over the phone Mr. Placht said he had put a copy in the window, and almost all the copies were sold during the afternoon.

The Shipping Department is tracing a package of books referred to in this telegram which arrived November 1st from The Long-fellow Square Bookshop in Portland, Maine:

low Square Bookshop in Portland, Maine SIMON & SCHUSTER
37 WEST 57TH ST NEW YORK N Y WAITED UP TILL NINE OCLOCK TONIGHT FOR OUR TEN COPIES OF TECHNIQUE OF THE LOVE AFFAIR STOP MUST HAVE THEM STOP DONT FAIL US STOP PORTLAND IS A NICE LITTLE CITY TO LIVE IN STOP EXPECT LARGE INCREASE IN LOCAL BIRTH RATE ERSKINE CALDWELL

From which at least one conclusion can be drawn: that the public is attracted to the title, The Technique of The Love Affair. Attracted enough to go into a book shop to buy a copy. The Big Sale will come if the public likes the book well enough to talk about it and persuade the public's friends to get in on it too. This being the second day of publication it is too early to report on this second phase. But more anon. Meanwhile, put one copy in the window and see what happens.

From time to time Your Correspondent has crowed and crabbed over the appearance of Essandess books. The Christmas edition copies of Bambi have just arrived, boxed, freshly jacketed. Without looking through March's Thesaurus for synonyms, let us just say, this new edition is beautiful. Kurt Wiese (who illustrated Banki) lustrated Bambi) has drawn the design. NOTE TO THE TRADE: (as the Lares and Penates are wont to say) Please specify on reorders for Bambi whether the Christmas edition is desired. Ten thousand copies have been printed, and will he shipped as the orders come in. This edition

is far more expensive to manufacture than the original, and The Inner Sanctum does not guarantee to print more. But the price remains the same for both editions: \$2.50.

Cynics may wonder why we are willing to increase the manufacturing cost of Bambi by 25% and not raise the retail price. Well, we believe we can sell enough extra copies to justify the expense, and The Inner Sanctum, as has been vaguely hinted at in these columns from time to time, rather likes the book, and wants to do everything possible for it.

The Inner Sanctum is preparing a large advertising schedule for Bambi to run in The Sunday Times Literary Review. Half pages and full pages. Bambi has been averaging 1100 copies a week for the past six weeks. Possibly we can double this average.

Departure has now been published one week. Up to now not a review has appeared. But a reorder of 100 copies (after an initial 250 buy) reared its handsome head on Friday. Meanwhile booksellers and book reviewers have a treat in store for them.

The Inner Sanctum has been quoting figures at times showing how well the Cross Word Puzzle Books continue. Here's a letter received this morning showing The Consumer's Side of the Picture:

e of the Picture:

"I have all the puzzle books—and have done them all with the exception of Diagramless No. 4 in the sixth series, in which while I got as I thought most of the words, I could not fit them together—and the impossible No. 388 in the eighth series. I have been doing Cross Word Puzzles since they first appeared in the New York World Magazine Section a good many years agowhen I was just a bride.

Yours truly,

Mrs. C. E."

Mrs. C. E." Well, well, well. Perhaps Your Correspondent will win a bet at that. Representing the Sales Department, Y. C. predicted optimistically that The First Hundred Million by HALDE-MAN-JULIUS would sell enough copies to pay the cost of manufacturing. He was downed by several of the S. & S. Editorial Staff and by 9 out of 10 booksellers. To date the sale is 734 copies. An editorial about the book appeared Friday in The New York Times. And the reorders (from those booksellers who Did the Big Thing when the Samples were Carted Around) are commencing to roll in. About 966 copies more and the title will be out of the red.

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From the Lares and Penates

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The latest catastrophe! In binding the limited edition of THE HOUSE AT POOH CORNER, the binders cut down the limitation pages and ruined this edition. The limitation pages had to be printed over and we have had to send them all the way to England to have them signed again by Mr. Milne and Mr. Shepard. The limited edition of this book will therefore not be ready for distribution until the first week in December. If you ordered your copy in time, it will be delivered to you as soon as it is ready. The binders of this book very seldom make mistakes, and ask that we both be lenient.

The reprinted editions of THE BALLAD OF READING GAOL and THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS are now so much better than we had even hoped, that we will both be somewhat compensated for the delay.

THE REBEL GENERATION which was to have been published early in November and which came to us so highly recommended by Hendrik Van Loon and Edward Garnett of London, has been selected by the Book League of America as their January book of the month to be released about the middle of December. This book, therefore, will be the last big book to be published during the Fall season. It will be just the book for your customers who want the latest thing just before Christmas.

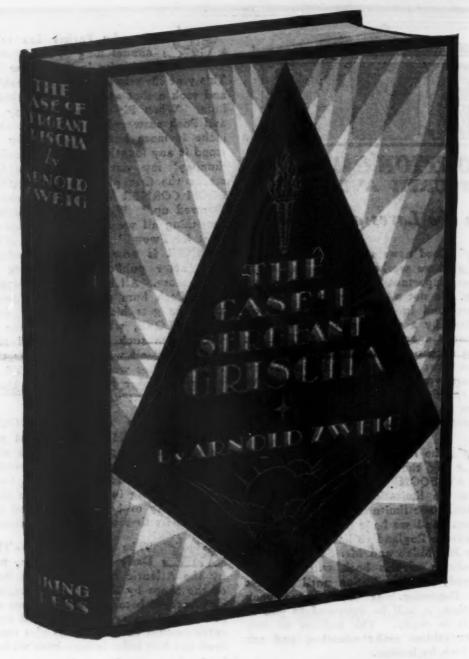
Dorothy Parker has taken her annual fling at A. A. Milne and William Lyon Phelps in "The New Yorker." This year she was disturbed by Pooh's poetry and took a shot at our favorite tiddely-pom hum. When Piglet said "Tiddely What?" and Pooh answered "Pom. I put that in to make it more hummy." Dorothy couldn't stand it any longer. "And it was that word 'hummy' my darlings," she says, "That marks the first place in THE HOUSE AT POOH CORNER at which Tonstant Weader Fwowed up." Well, since we ought to say something all we can think of right now is "Let 'er Fwow!" THE HOUSE AT POOH CORNER is now in its 51st edition, ten days after publication, and will go into many more. All of which, we suppose, will make Pooh hum a still more hummy hum when he gets his next royalty statement. As for LOVE, which Miss Parker calls "a Good Hum such as is Hummed Hopefully to Others," all we have to say is that if it hums along as well as HAPPINESS we hope to have another such Hum for Dorothy to razz again next year.

The day THE HOUSE AT POOH CORNER was published Baker & Taylor put it third on their best seller list and announced that with a few days sale it would have been in first place. Reports coming in from all sides show that the majority of book stores found it a best seller in its first week of publication.

"The Xmas - Marks - The - Spot Daily News Bulletin, published by the Atlantic Monthly to Get Books out of the Shops by Xmas," (we certainly hope they succeed because we have some real surprises for January 1st which will require an extra amount of shelf-room) also reports this book as a best seller in each issue we have seen.

Dorothy Gordon's new book SING IT YOURSELF, which is to be issued November 12th, is our most important book for boys and girls this Fall (leaving out of course Mr. Milne's book, Mr. Mukerji's book and "The Night Before Christmas"). Her book has the enthusiastic endorsement of many educators and such organizations as The Child Study Association, United Parents Association, etc.

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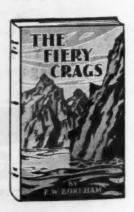
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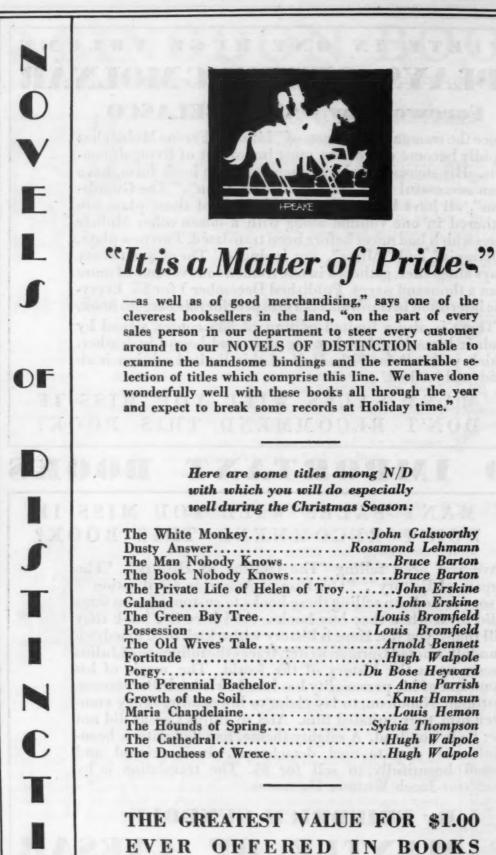
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ADALOGUE No. 1 (Nov. 10, 1928)

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BUYER: Great! Let me see it! CLERK: Certainly. Here it is:

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I will be in New York from November 12th to 24th and can be reached care the Publishers' Weekly, or at 1157 Farwell Ave., Chicago.

JOHN T. HOTCHKISS

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(Pronounced S-t-r-a-y-c-h-e-e)

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The PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY

THE AMERICAN BOOKTRADE JOURNAL

NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 10, 1928

A Piggly-Wiggly Bookshop for Christmas

A Plan for Letting the Crowds Handle Themselves

Frances Goetzmann

WONDER if there is a bookseller in existence who has not, at sometime during the Christmas rush, taken time from the selling to swear at the inadequacy of one bookshop and a few weary clerks to satisfy temperamental Christmas customers. I also wonder if there is any customer who has not also sworn, perhaps not so silently at the kind of help he was getting. My swearing, which has been done as a clerk gave me the single desire to push all these customers into one line, herd them around a semicircle and let them help themselves. Perhaps a sort of Piggly-Wiggly arrangement. And a certain amount of thinking about it convinced me that it was not such a bad idea. That any shop could turn itself, overnight into a Piggly-Wiggly shop is, of course, quite out of the question; but that same solution to the difficulties the Christmas rush presents might be found in adaptations of this self-help principle seems very possible.

The booksellers' problems at Christmas, we all know, but they might be emphasized again. Three are outstanding: the added stock, the new clerks, and the increased number of customers. Additional stock is apt to make the shop look messy, the shelves and tables overcrowded and the clerks confused in the difficulty of finding the duplicate copies, a combination of problems which only the ingenuity of the manager can handle. A Piggly-Wiggly ar-

rangement would serve to classify the books, and keep them in a certain order, but each manager must, of course, plan for keeping readily available all the stock on hand.

Christmas clerks are one of the very important causes of the mishandling of the Christmas customers. They are called in only for the emergency of those two months, and are often justifiably incompetent. It is asking a great deal of any human being to expect him to enter a shop, learn immediately where every book is, and the sales talk which should go with it. Sales talk, cannot be learned inside of a month; worth-while information, if it can be absorbed at all, can only come from actual bookselling from waiting on all kinds of customers, and from contact with the whims of a book-buying public. The temporary clerk is apt to be confused by questions and demands, and in the end, generally interrupts one of the regular clerks to find out where or what a book is.

Again, the increased number of customers is a problem which the manager must cope with on some definite working basis. He can estimate the number of people who bought in his shop the preceding year, but this will not necessarily prepare him for the number he will have this year. Since Christmas brings into a bookshop customers who rarely buy a book at any other time, it would clearly be impossible to

gauge their numbers. In a bookshop which has a popular standing in a community, it is safe to say that there will be increased

pressure each year.

There ought to be a partial solution to these three problems in encouraging the customers to wait on themselves. making customers wait on themselves is not easy to accomplish. Those customers would rather stand impatiently, fingering their lists and catching at passing clerks with the question: "Are you free?" than to go about, from table to table, selecting their books. At the same time, the customer who comes into a bookshop only at this season must have something to guide his selection. A successful campaign for making customers wait on themselves must, then, have some novelty about it which will persuade people to pick out their own books, and some classification which will make that selection easy for them.

Because the idea of a Piggly-Wiggly bookshop has never been tried (or if it has been, I know nothing about it) it would carry with it a sort of novelty which in itself would attract customers. If it were advertised, both in the newspaper and on display cards in the windows, the curiosity of Christmas shoppers would be assured. And once customers have come in to see a Piggly-Wiggly shop, the classifications must be made both simple, clever,

and really helpful.

Classifications of Christmas books have been made innumerable times, sometimes successfully, and sometimes fruitlessly. The type of classification which reads Children from Two to Four, or Books of Travel cannot be relied upon to induce anyone to act upon them. The classifications must be made useful to that person who has a long Christmas list of uncles and aunts and nephews and nieces, whose ages are certain, but whose inclinations are not.

The obvious objection to the idea of a Piggly-Wiggly bookshop is that few book stores are adapted to the customary Piggly-Wiggly pattern, with the turn-stile entrances and exits, and all the merchandise set out onto tables in a U-shaped semicircle. And very few of them are; perhaps only the branch store, opened only for the Christmas season, could be turned over altogether to this arrangement. But in almost any good sized shop, room could be made, in the back of the store, or in an alcove, or on a balcony for this display of the new books, in a cafeteria style. The turnstiles are not a necessary formality, nor are the baskets, but the customer could go about the circle, picking up his books as he went, and a cashier and wrapper could be placed at the end of the circular line to check off the purchases. One or two clerks could be behind the tables, to keep the books in some order.

In the lists which follow, both the books and the headings are of course, only suggestions. It will be understood, I trust, that these lists cannot be considered as fixed and final, the classifications can all be changed and added to as newer books come out. I have omitted the names of detective stories, but they could form another important classification. And the whole plan could be applied to books which could be subdivided and classified.

There are many other explanations I would like to make, about these lists which follow, and about the titles as well. Certain things puzzled me, such as the amazing length of the list For the Intelligentsia; I should not have expected that this list would include more than any other. Whatever the reason, the high grade of books which are being published this fall, or the low mentality of our intelligencia, an article on a Piggly-Wiggly bookshop for Christmas, is no place for it.

FOR THE TIRED BUSINESS MAN

"BEAU IDEAL," by P. C. Wren. Stokes. \$2.00

Detective and mystery stories.

[&]quot;Instrument of Destiny," by J. D. Beresford. Bobbs. \$2.00
"Guyfford of Weare," by Jeffrey Farnol. Little, Brown. \$2.50

[&]quot;BLADES," by George Barr McCutcheon. Dodd Mead. \$2.00

[&]quot;Two Black Crows in the A. E. F.," by Charles Mack. Bobbs. \$2.00

[&]quot;ROAMIN' IN THE GLOAMIN'," by Harry Lauder. Lippincott. \$3.50 "Hounds of God," by Rafael Sabatini. Houghton Mifflin. \$2.50



In a Piggly-Wiggly Bookshop the customer selects his own books, pays for them and has them wrapped

FOR THE NOT-SO-TIRED BUSINESS MAN

- "Beneath Tropic Seas," by William Beebe. Putnams. \$3.50 "American Experiment," by Bernard Fay. Harcourt. \$3.00 "Jubilee Jim," by Robert H. Fuller. Macmillan. \$5.00

- "HUNGER FIGHTERS," by Paul DeKruif. Harcourt. \$3.00
- "JEFFERSON, FRIEND OF FRANCE," by Meade Minnigerode. Putnams. \$5.00
 "AMERICAN BACKLOGS," by Mrs. Theo. Roosevelt, Sr. and Kermit Roosevelt. Scribners. \$5.00
- "THIS SIDE IDOLATORY," by C. E. Bechhofer Roberts. Bobbs. \$2.50
- "THE REIGN OF THE HOUSE OF ROTHSCHILD," by Count Corti. Cosmopolitan. \$5.00

FOR THE FRIEND WITH UNKNOWN TASTES

- "CHRISTMAS BOOK," by D. B. Wyndham Lewis. Dutton. \$3.00
- "Books That Change the World," by Hilaire Belloc. Harpers. \$2.00
 "David Copperfield, or Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," by Robert Benchley. Holt. \$2.50

 "BEST PLAYS OF 1927-28," by Burns Mantle. Dodd Mead. \$3.00

 "BEST POEMS OF 1928," by Thomas Moult. Harcourt. \$2.50

- "Best Short Stories of 1928," by E. J. O'Brien. Dodd Mead. \$2.50
- "Love," by William Lyon Phelps. Dutton \$1.00
- "BOOK OF STORIES," by Ring Lardner. Scribners. \$2.00
- "MEMORIES AND REFLECTIONS," by the Earl of Oxford and Asquith. Little, Brown. \$10.00

FOR YOUR MOTHER

"Home," by Kathleen Norris. Dutton. \$1.00

"TROUPERS OF THE GOLD COAST," by Constance Rourke. Harcourt. \$3.50

"DESTINY BAY," by Donn Byrne. Little, Brown. \$2.50

"Susan B. Anthony," by Rheta Childe Dorr. Stokes. \$5.00
"All About Me," by John Drinkwater. Houghton Mifflin. \$2.00
"Explation," by "Elizabeth." Doubleday, Doran. \$2.50

"MEMORIES OF A SCULPTOR'S WIFE," by Mrs. Daniel Chester French. Houghton Mifflin. \$5.00

"PERIOD FURNITURE HANDBOOK," by Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gould. Dodd Mead.

"SCHUMANN-HEINK: THE LAST OF THE TITANS," by Mary Lawton. Macmillan. \$5.00

"THE WORLD I SAW," by Ann Shannon Monroe. Doubleday, Doran. \$2.50 "WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE," by Honoré Willsie Morrow. Morrow. \$2.50 "KEEPING OFF THE SHELF," by Mrs. Thomas Whiffen. Dutton. \$5.00

FOR YOUR FATHER

"BENEATH TROPIC SEAS," by William Beebe. Putnams. \$3.50 "My Autobiography," by Benito Mussolini. Scribners. \$5.00
"Aftermath," by William Churchill. Scribners. \$5.00
"Five Deans," by Sydney Dark. Harcourt. \$2.50
"Fringe of the Moslem World," by Harry A. Franck. Century. \$4.00

"KING AKHNATON," by Simeon Strunsky. Longmans. \$2.50 "JUBILEE JIM," by Robert H. Fuller. Macmillan. \$5.00 "RASPUTIN," by René Fülöp-Miller. Viking Press. \$5.00

"Story of Gilbert & Sullivan," by Isaac Goldberg. Simon & Schuster. \$5.00 "LABRADOR LOOKS AT THE ORIENT," by William Grenfell. Houghton Mifflin. \$5.00

"TALES OF FRESH WATER FISHING," by Zane Grey. Harpers. \$6.00

"Book of Words," by Rudyard Kipling. Doubleday, Doran. \$3.00
"PILGRIMS OF ADVERSITY," by William McFee. Doubleday, Doran. \$2.50
"ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL," by Catherine Mackenzie. Houghton Mifflin. \$5.00 "JEFFERSON, FRIEND OF FRANCE," by Meade Minnigerode. Putnams. \$5.00

"CHRONICLES OF A COUNTRYMAN," by Walter A. Dyer. Ives Washburn. \$3.00

FOR THE CURIOUS FRIEND

"Confusion of Tongues," by Chas. W. Ferguson. Doubleday, Doran. \$3.50 "Art of Thinking," by Ernest Dimnet. Simon & Schuster. \$3.50 "Unfathomed Japan," by Harold W. Foght & Alice R. Foght. Macmillan. \$5.00 "Modern Conceptions of Electricity," by Chas. R. Gibson. Lippincott. \$5.00 "Animal Biology," by J. B. S. Haldane & Julian Huxley. Oxford Press. \$3.75 "WHAT IS WRONG WITH MARRIAGE," by G. V. Hamilton & Kenneth Magowan. Boni. \$3.00

"COMING OF AGE IN SAMOA," by Margaret Mead. Morrow. \$3.00

"ROMANCE OF THE ROTHSCHILDS," by Marcus Eli Ravage. Dial. \$5.00

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FOR THE SWEET YOUNG GIRL

"BUT ONCE A YEAR," by Eleanor Howell Abbott.

Appleton. \$2.00

"LANTERN IN HER HAND," by Bess Streeter Aldrich. Appleton. \$2.00

"CHILDREN OF THE RIVER," by Harrison Dickson. Sears. \$2.00

"AT THE SOUTH GATE," by Grace S. Richmond. Doubleday, Doran. \$2.00

"Blue Ruin," by Grace Livingston Hill. Lippincott. \$2.00

"HARNESS," by A. Hamilton Gibbs. Little, Brown. \$2.50

"SILVER SLIPPERS," by Temple Bailey. Penn Publishing Co. \$2.00

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"JEALOUS GODS," by Gertrude Atherton. Liveright. \$2.50

"EMPRESS OF HEARTS," by E. Barrington. Dodd Mead. \$2.50

"FEATHERED NEST," by Margaret Leech. Liveright. \$2.50

"ADVENTURES OF AN AFRICAN SLAVER," by Capt. Canot. Boni. \$4.00

"FABULOUS NEW ORLEANS," by Lyle Saxon. Century. \$5.00

"HELP YOURSELF!" by Doris Webster and M. A. Hopkins. Century. \$1.00

"TAMERLANE," by Harold Lamb. McBride. \$4.00

"PORTAGE, WISCONSIN," by Zona Gale. Knopf. \$2.50

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"CIVILIZATION," by Clive Bell. Harcourt, Brace. \$2.50

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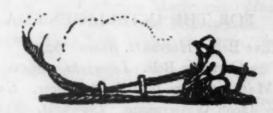
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- "LIFE OF RABELAIS," by Jake Falstaff. Doubleday, Doran. \$4.00
- "ART OF THE DANCE," by Isadora Duncan. Edited By Sheldon Cheney. Theater Arts, Inc. \$7.50
- "FRANZ SCHUBERT," by Newman Flower. Stokes. \$5.00
- "HISTORY OF MUSIC," by Cecil Gay. Knopf. \$4.25
- "CARDINAL NEWMAN," by J. Lewis May. Dial. \$5.00
- "ANAKIAS, THE BAD ARTIST," by Walter Pach. Harpers. \$4.00
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- "By WAY OF ART," by Paul Rosenfeld. Coward-McCann. \$2.50



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- "AIRWAYS, INC.," by John Dos Passos. Macaulay. \$2.00
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Memory in Bookselling

Can You Recall the Customer's Name, Most of Her Previous Purchases and Expressed Preferences? If You Can, Then This Is the Time of Year You'll Reap Your Reward

Holland Hudson

MR. HUDSON is a keen ob-

methods and is known to all readers

of the "Publishers' Weekly" for his

practical suggestions. This week he

shows that the you may not be able

to recognize Mr. Addison Sims of

Seattle it is not impossible to train

vourself to remember that Mrs.

Brown buys detective stories.

server of bookshops and their

REMEMBER you perfectly," said the lecturer on memory training. "You are Addison Sims of Seattle. I met you at 7:45 A. M. in the lobby of the Book-Cadillac Hotel on June 27, 1926. We were introduced by John Kidd of Cin-

cinnati, and went to breakfast together. You had preserved figs, poached eggs on toast, and coffee, and Mr. Kidd had prunes, oatmeal, and buckwheat cakes."

Mountebank presentations of this kind have given the deliberate cultivation of memory a reputation which it does not quite deserve. One

can not altogether blame the advertisers, who are merely exploiting a popular passion for short cuts to achievement, except in that they create suspicion toward the whole theory of self-improvement.

Memory has a great deal to do with successful bookselling. Without memory how should we know that the customer who asks for the "Deserted Arab" wants to buy "Revolt in the Desert," or that John Martin's book on the "Jungle" is an attempt to describe Martin Johnson's "Safari"? Some of us know librarians who can, and do, remember the middle names of most living authors, despite the same author's attempts to conceal them behind initials. We know the bookseller, too, whose mind retains the geography of a book stock so perfectly that she can place her hand instantaneously upon any title called for, whether it may have been placed in the poetry alcove, or classified under the author's name in the general collection of British authors or put in the window.

Probably the most valuable use of memory in that bookselling which is something more than order taking, however, is in the identification of customers and their book ways. I have known a book-

store where one sales person turned over more stock than any other four put together. Her post was not nearest the door; it was furthest back in the store. But her association of memory data was so organized that she could usually recall not only the customer's name, but most of her previ-

ous purchases and expressed preferences. Therefore, she could get to the closing portion of her sales talk without all of the preliminary fencing for leads and information which her associates found necessary.

Some persons seem to have from birth an extraordinary endowment of memory images. But all of us, unless we are fit candidates for psychopathic wards, have the capacity to remember a great deal more than we usually do, if we will take some thought regarding how our remembering is done, and deliberately assist the mechanism with which we are endowed.

It is not very difficult, by checking over one's own recollections of childhood, of adolescence, or even of the week's happenings, to identify the memory type which one has. Some persons have an auditory memory. They recall voices, bells, squeaks, slams, the image of words spoken, and visual images attach themselves to these principal associations. More of us, however,

are primarily eye-minded. To recall a speaker's voice, we must first picture the speaker and the scene in which the elusive utterances were made. Some of us are even type-minded; we think of books in images of their jackets, title pages, and their paragraphs of Goudy, Caslon, or Bookman, and can recall our own expressions best in images of the page on which we scrawled them, or typed them out thru the medium of typewriter ribbon.

You may recall that in school you learned most readily by repeating the essence of the lesson aloud to yourself, or by recalling the voice of the lecturing professor, or his facial expression during the lecture, or you really learned some part of what you were there for when you set it down in your notebook. All this experience can be applied very directly to bookselling, and it is applied, whether deliberately or subconsciously, by many who have

made their mark in this vocation.

The editor of this publication tells me that in his bookselling days he kept a blank book in which he set down, as opportunity allowed, the names and preferences of the customers whom he had sold each day. Having a chronological memory (otherwise illustrated by the grandmother who can recall dates by the time when John cut his first tooth, and so forth), he could recall, when a customer entered the shop, approximately the last time he had called, and, glancing adroitly at his journal, refresh his recollection of the man's name, preferences and prejudices.

It may appear that in the process he was using memory less than a substitute for memory. But, in fact, he was making deliberate use of a process which strengthens and enriches memory. He had not time to set down between the covers of his book all that the customer disclosed of himself, no more, in fact, than a hint. In setting down what he did, he supplied a fresh memory image, and a fresh and ordered group of associations in place of the random method of association which the uncultivated memory is likely to pur-

eacy restrict recommend of conjugate lay, there in the best possession

The orderly arrangement of the association of ideas is the essence of every valid course in memory training, no matter in what hocus-pocus it may be disguised. One is instructed to set up and utilize a system of mental filing boxes, or vertical guides. or card indexes, or what have you. The weakness of most commercial courses is that, designed for the literal-minded, they allow too little variation in the selection of key memory images. Most booksellers who know their shops, and will analyze their own memory or association types by honest introspection, can devise for themselves as effective a system of memory training as they can buy at any price—and perhaps a more effective one.

All of us have the faculty of memory. however badly it may be serving us without sufficient systematic aid and encourage-We remember without difficulty the customer who, on a rainy day, drips spots all over our book jackets, and goes out without making a purchase. We remember—how perfectly!—the names and the publishers of books on which we were oversold last season, and had, subsequently, to send the way of all deadwood. The same mechanism by which these images are retained can be applied to remembering those who buy from us, what they buy, and what they like and dislike. How many booksellers remember? I bought a book in a large store, and was pleasantly and flatteringly recognized by the same sales person as much as a year later,—on the basis of one small purchase. On the other hand, I have entered a small bookshop with a very personable customer who bought three books within as many weeks, and after the third visit this bookseller had not even looked at her,—wherein he was the loser in more ways than one.

An utter weariness of the sight of other human beings is perhaps one of the lamentable by-products of a too congested civilization. But it is a tendency which the bookseller, if he have it, must overcome. He must see, identify, and remember as many persons who purchase as his experi-

ence and capacity will allow.



Children's Book Week **NOVEMBER 11-17**

Midge Buys Some Books

Amy Beach

HILDREN, if left to themselves, show good taste in choosing books. If grown-ups are along there is usually an argument, or the child's suggestions are swept aside by the adult's enthusiasm—his feeble attempts to assert himself drowned in a eulogy of Marryat, or Dana, or Cooper, or some other old-time favorite. If the grown-up is "Mother," she may be the one swept along by the youngster's enthusiasm. It is seldom that children are allowed to choose their own books, yet the father or mother chooses his or her books without interference.

The following incident shows how one child acted when left to herself-and her choice of books is no more unusual than that of any intelligent child.

The girl was a small nine, the chauffeur, who was with her, a very large thirty. Both entered the Fifth Avenue door of the old book store near Madison Square as if they knew their way. Small nine darted down the aisle straight to the Children's

"Now, hurry up Midge. We haven't all day you know," said Mr. Chauffeur.

"Have you 'Nobody's Boy'?" asked Midge.

"Yes, and 'Nobody's Girl,' and 'Little

"All right," said Midge. And she piled the three on the table in a businesslike manner.

"Now!" was her delighted little gasp as she looked about at the beautiful books on display-Flying here and there, these are the ones that, in fifteen minutes, were added to the three by Malot:

"The House at Pooh Corner," Milne. "Gulliver's Travels," Swift. "A Little Princess," Burnett.

"Treasure Island," Stevenson.

"The Pig Tail of Ah Lee Ben Loo," Bennett.

"Don Quixote," Cervantes.

"Knights of Charlemagne," Ecohls.

"A Golden Prince," Joos.

"Where It All Comes True," Laughlin.

The last one Midge took at my suggestion, and with an indulgent smile promised to tell me how she liked it.

"What do you suppose Daddy will do when he sees a bill of twenty-seven fifty for books?"

"We'll both be shot at sunrise," cheer-fully remarked the chauffeur. "C'mon Midge."

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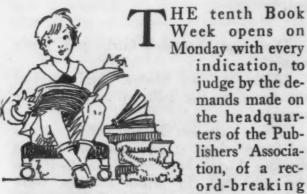
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I HOLD every man a debtor to his profession, from the which, as men of course do seek to receive countenance and profit, so ought they of duty to endeavor themselves, by way of amends, to be a help and ornament thereunto.

—BACON.

The Tenth Book Week



observance. Schools, libraries and bookstores are deluging the office of the Association with requests for posters, advertising cards and leaflets describing good Book Week practice. Never have so many beautiful catalogs been prepared and distributed. Never, it seems to us, have children's books been more beautiful and more varied.

Particularly encouraging to its backers has been the number of new directions in which Book Week has found its echoes, communities which are using this general movement to better their own conditions for book supply to the children. If a full report could ever be gathered of all the results of this interest, it would be very heartening to those who believe that thru books the children of this next decade will find deeper interests and broader horizons.

A Bothersome Calendar

HILE the discussion goes on about the proposed thirteen month's calendar and elimination of business difficulties by this system, booksellers and other retailers are annually reminded of the difficulty which they must face because of the yearly shifting of the distance between Thanksgiving and Christmas. There is a psychological difficulty which prevents many people from taking a close interest in their Christmas list until after Thanksgiving, and, as Thanksgiving shifts back and forward, the amount of time left between Monday after Thanksgiving and Christmas day widens and contracts. Sometimes it is almost four weeks, and sometimes only three. This year is one of those unfortunate seasons of only three weeks and a day, and the manager of the store must start his advertising and promotion work promptly or else he will have a congestion of the business into the last few days that will negate all his careful planning to give good service to new customers and old. Every dealer should not only start his advertising early, but he should place this problem of the calendar directly before his customers and, if possible, turn the disadvantage to an advantage by getting results in November.

The New Salesman

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HE extra salesman in the retail store becomes a real necessity between Book Week and Christmas, and yet the efficient use of such salesmen can only be accomplished by careful planning. In both general stores and department stores there must be this influx of new people, each desirous of doing his full part in the bookselling business, but each handicapped by a lack of familiarity with the stock and with the details of business. The first thing to do is to be careful about the selection of sales people for the book department. They must have a familiarity with books, so as to catch easily the inquiries made, even if exact titles are not known. If possible, there should be some background of book interest, so that the enthusiasm for books should be genuine. There should be a willingness to handle details and to clean and dust stock, as all the staff must work on the problems of shopkeeping. It is probably better that it should be people who really have to earn a living, as they are the more keen to give earnest attention to what is wanted. It is possible to select as assistants some who can give only part time, perhaps from those who have been previously in the business or those who have been in the store in previous years. Every little bit of experience is an added

All this group of new assistants must be first carefully trained in the knowledge of the store's methods, making out of sales slips, the question of credit, of C. O. D's, delivery promises, special orders, and the like. Next, they must be trained on the location of books by classifications, the methods of marking stock, sources of book information, etc. Then, they must be trained in the actual waiting on customers, how to start sales and complete them, how to pass on customers with more exacting demands to the older salesmen, how to put stock away after its showing, the importance of the extra book added to each sales effort, the importance of closing sales so that the same transaction does not have to be gone over again on a later and busier

With the knowledge of general stock classification, there must then be added the detailed knowledge of specific books: first, a study of the display counters, as the books there have been selected for their more active interest. The salesman must learn how valuable is the information supplied by the publisher on the flap of the jacket and how to get a brief sales idea from a title-page or a preface. He must then study the catalogs which the store is passing out, so as to recognize each title that is being advertised and be familiar with the sales note which is appended to each. After the counters and catalogs the salesman will be able to work back to the classified stock and find his way around among the leather bound books, books of poetry, biography and others most in demand at this season.

The mistake is sometimes made of forcing salesmen to too much interest in sales during the first couple of weeks, when they might be of more service in learning the stock or in passing along customers to the older salesmen as rapidly as the latter are free from other entanglements. There must

also be established a healthy and happy relationship between the old salesmen and the new, in order that both may work effectively together and each understand that it is the total success of the store, not the individual success of any one salesman, that is important for the business.

The New Gift Books

THE booktrade, after many years of evolution, has completely turned about one business phase. Instead of speaking now of "Gift Books" we speak of the giving of books. Constant Reader in the New Yorker recently surmised that gift books were so called because "that is the only way that anybody would take them." Nowadays instead of the Gift Books which were definitely connected in our minds with one short and hectic season we pay more attention to habits of giving books, which finds as many occasions as there are days in the year. Christmas in the bookstore is still Christmas and like no other season, but there are no books that have to be packed away for ten months to be opened when the Gift Book season comes back again. The best fiction, biography, poetry, travel and the best beautifully made books are on the counters at this season.

Those Bookstalls

New York, which the Publishers' Weekly has occasionally discussed, has apparently caught the fancy of both dealers and book lovers, and at present we hear that the Department of Parks, which would have charge of such licenses, has taken the matter up with the Forty-Second Street Association, a group of business men which studies the development of this part of town. The frontage on Fortieth Street would not interfere with other business and would add a flavor that would appeal to thousands.

Dave O'Connell Re-elected

AGAIN Dave O'Connell, of Funk and Wagnalls, has been elected to represent Brooklyn, New York's 9th District in the United States Congress. He was elected with a plurality of 8,045 votes.

"You're No Good"

Two New Organizations Whose Functions Are in Direct Competition to the Bookstores of the Country Are Considered by Mr. Meyers Who Resents the Aspersions They Cast and Who Asks for Cooperation Among Dealers in Selling Bookstore Service

Ellis Meyers

Executive Secretary, American Booksellers' Association

A LL of the disagreeable features of the book clubs are embodied in the new Book League, and the Readers and Authors Guild advertising. They may do no harm, but they can do no good—for the bookseller, anyway.

"Only a fraction of the thousands of books issued each year are worth while—yet each is blurbed and ballyhooed as an authentic masterpiece." This is merely a light tap—the heavier blows being reserved for later.

"The Book League is an effort to bring order out of chaos—providing a reliable guide to past and present literary productions." A passing comment on inefficiency.

"You (in the big city) rarely find an idle hour to browse in the bookstalls. And what of the book reader in the small town or country hamlet?"—who may of course be on the mailing lists of several bookstores. Then come the body blows: "Few feel that they can afford to pay from \$2.00 to \$10.00 a volume—"

"One third the usual cost" (The italics are those of the Book League). And the rabbit is pulled out of the hat with,

"The new books come to members before the general public has had an opportunity to obtain them." Why not "hot from the press?"

There isn't a kind thing that can be said about booksellers, reviewing mediums or publishers—the message is one of love for all fellow men, except those who are of the booktrade. The "literary leader" has entered the field. It promises much—twenty-four books a year at one-third the price; twelve "outstanding new books" and twelve of the "best books of all time"; the former in "continental type editions," the

latter bound as "beautiful private editions"

—a large order for mass production.

After telling the prospective member of the real value of the twelve new books (the most worth-while of the year) that are to be selected, the argument for saving is advanced, "Why should we pay for an expensive substantial binding of a book that we may never care to read again?" This is not a very "substantial" argument in favor of the lasting qualities of good literature.

"Twenty per cent discount to members" is the selling point of the second organization. That is, or ought to be, enough, but the member is also given an "opportunity to co-operate with a national society for the extending of good reading" by becoming—apparently—an agent of the League and selling memberships to others. The chain store idea and the chain letter are here being combined to furnish more competitors.

The booktrade has been thru this before. It seems to be the consensus of opinion that there can be no trade cooperation with an organization that is so definitely competitive and that makes every effort to "run down" the existing book distributing machinery in order to build up its own business. It becomes more and more obvious that a strong competitive campaign of our own is nesessary—in other words we must not only refuse to help these people, but we must organize our own business so that we can duplicate any service that they claim to be able to give. And there must be a strong, continued campaign of publicity and advertising to hammer away at the public in order to sell them the idea of Bookshopping.

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"To the Pure ..."

A Legal Study of the Problems of Censorship

Reviewed by a Librarian

O THE PURE ... " is "a study of obscenity and the censor"-and especially of the modern censorship of books in America. The authors are two lawyers, Morris L. Ernst and Wil-Their attitude may be liam Seagle. guessed from the dedication "To the Perplexed Booksellers who, under the unknown rules of literary decency, cannot insure themselves against imprisonment, even by reading all the volumes on their shelves." And their conclusion is indicated by the closing words of the Introduction: "obscenity is only a superstition of the day—the modern counterpart of ancient witchcraft.'

So sweeping a statement may raise an unwarranted prejudice against the book. In the main the work is written temperately. It is neither a history nor a systematic treatise, but a series of chapters of varying value on different aspects of the subject. It reveals an extraordinarily wide acquaintance with the outward manifestations of censorship, but the material is often ill digested. The language lacks precision, and is sometimes obscure. The arguments are not always closely reasoned, nor is the problem deeply studied. Nevertheless, the book contains much that is of value. It deserves—and will doubtless receive-serious attention.

The opening chapter, like some other portions, is marred by the jauntiness or "smartness" to which impatient critics of censorship seem prone. This chapter describes the atmosphere and conditions of the court in which an obscene book is prosecuted. The sincerity of the district attorney, who is usually "one of the boys' and tells his own smoking room stories," is questioned; the lack of acquaintance with books on the part of the jury is brought out; the prejudices that are played upon and the difficulties of the defence are shown; the motives of the vice societies are sneered at—in fact the hypocrisy of every-

body concerned, the public included, is derided. But even if all of this is to a large extent true, how pertinent is it? Would evidence that prohibition officers have a natural taste for alcohol in itself prove that prohibition is either desirable or undesirable? The narrative here, it is fair to add, reads as if based on first-hand observation. It would be more effective if more dignified.

After a chapter, interesting the not profound, discussing the diverse nature of censorship in the case of books, of the theater, of the movies—the only instance in this country of previous censorship-of periodicals, and of the almost uncensored newspapers, the authors proceed to demonstrate the absurdities and anomalies of modern censorship in action. Here they shine. The subject has been dealt with before, but seldom more effectively and with such a wealth of pertinent illustration. They show that frequently books at one time judged obscene are at another deemed inoffensive; that books condemned in one place are found acceptable in a neighboring city or state; that a novel successfully resisting attack when appearing as a serial is suppressed when issued in book form; that de luxe or privately printed editions escape while cheap reprints are likely to fare far worse; that English translations are prohibited at the same time that the originals circulate freely—in short that there is neither rule nor reason in the whole sorry business of censorship.

Furthermore, censorship by the Federal government and by the states overlap and are mutually contradictory, so that it may be a felony, for example, to mail a letter in New York inciting to an act that is not a crime in that state at all. Conversely books are admitted to the mails in states where they have been banned by the courts. Numerous examples of ridiculous decisions by postmasters and customs officials are cited, including the attempt to bar as ob-

scene the official Field Museum importations of Chinese books and manuscripts in 1909 and the exclusion from the mails of the Report prepared by the official Vice Commission of the City of Chicago for circulation among clergymen, editors, and social workers. The conflicting practices of the Copyright Office, the Customs Bureau, and the Post Office Department are also pointed out; but the serious danger of abuse of the great power entrusted to the post office officials merits more searching discussion.

At this point there is interjected a sketch of the large private circulating libraries in England which, until recent years, not only individually but by mutual understandings or agreements, exercised a powerful influence on the sale and publication of books. This the authors denominate "the subterranean censorship," and consider malign. They contend there should be "no concerted action, no collusion, no agreements —and a literary trust is no less conceivable than a beef trust." But here many opponents of state censorship will part company with them, deeming such purely voluntary censorship, even when concerted, to be le-

gitimate and wholesome.

There follows a readable account (with illuminating quotations from the debate) of the adoption in England in 1857 of Lord Campbell's famous act. This, according to its sponsor, was aimed solely at pornography; but it was made applicable to literature by the classic decision of Chief Justice Cockburn eleven years later. decision, which has had great weight in American courts, runs as follows: "the test of obscenity is this, whether the tendency of the matter charged as obscenity is to deprave and corrupt those whose minds are open to such immoral influences, and into whose hands a publication of this sort may fall." The authors elucidate the sweeping nature of this decision and contend, first, that it takes as a norm the most weakminded member of the community who may happen upon the book, and second, that whether it will tend to deprave and corrupt him must be decided by pure guess-

work on the part of the jury. A later chapter discusses further the test of obscenity and makes fun-but not an ounce more than is justified-of the floundering and hopeless attempts of the judges to define obscenity precisely. By analysis

it is shown how impossible is any clear or intelligible definition. Even the "Encyclo-pedia Britannica" concludes that "the pre-cise meaning of 'obscene' is, however, de-

cidedly ambiguous."

The position of this chapter, sandwiched between one touching on the situation in some European countries and one on the critic as expert, illustrates a certain scrappiness and lack of organization in the book, Much of the force of the argument must be lost unless this chapter precede that on the absurdities and anomalies of the court decisions, and the reader is shown how the impossibility of a precise definition inevitably results in confusion and injustice.

The most startling opinions expressed are those relating to pornography and the child, for most opponents of the censorship of literature admit that children should be protected from deliberate pornography, whether in pamphlet or picture form. But the difficulty of making a discrimination is emphasized, and the conclusion reached is that education thru school and home will prove the enduring solution. The arguments offered merit more thoughtful weighing than one is at first inclined to

grant them.

An original contribution to knowledge of the subject is attempted in the chapter headed "An appeal to science." Study is made of 1200 questionnaires answered by unmarried women who are college graduates, received in an investigation of sex problems conducted by the New York Bureau of Social Hygiene. Here is something new-a genuinely promising avenue of approach. Censorship would be on a surer foundation if based on knowledgerather than guess-as to how books actu-

ally affect people. Two of the inquiries in the questionnaire bore on the matter. One was "How and from whom did you receive the earliest information about sex matters which you can recall?" The authors are impressed by the fact that, according to the answers received, "reading represents only 6% of the total sources of sex information," and by the character of the books named, among which the Bible leads. "Where," they exclaim, "is shocking Boccaccio, and The Perfumed Garden?" But their argument is vitiated by forgetting that the inquiry related to the "earliest" information.

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are most [sexually] stimulating to you? Please answer as specifically as you can, e. g. certain types of men (what types); dancing, sex dramas, pictures, etc." Ninety-five of the 1,200 women named books alone; while 302 mentioned books with other things. Of the books named not one is suppressed in New York, so "No one can know which books to suppress." This chapter, however, is decidedly superficial, and to it, as to much of the book, may be applied a favorite criticism of the late Barrett Wendell—"suggestive but not final."

In the somewhat indefinite and confused effect left by the book, one strong impression remains. This relates to the conflicting opinions of the public, the vagaries of the courts, the injustices and general futility of the sex censorship of literature. It is in the references to actual cases that the volume's chief value lies; scarcely a book which has been attacked seems to have escaped the author's vigilance. It is to be regretted, however, that so wide an acquaintance with the facts should not have produced a study more serious in tone, searching, and weighty.

Creating Religious Book Interest

HOW the Central Congregational Church in Newtonville, Mass., promotes good reading among its members is described by The Congregationalist: A committee was formed, headed by the pastor, Rev. Arthur M. Ellis. This committee issued a circular letter to all in the parish, outlining the definite plans and programs as follows:

Dear Friends:

We wonder whether you realize how much serious reading people are doing to-day. Books about Jesus, the Bible, and the great leaders of Christianity—books about man's place in the new world of religious thought, books that deal with the eternal truths, written by men of keen and able minds—in ever-growing numbers they are coming from the press. We cannot afford to neglect them. They offer us an opportunity and a challenge—an opportunity to whet our minds and think; a challenge to renew our strength, to enrich our faith, to broaden our vision.

To bring the religious books of the day a little closer to you, and open up their possibilities of stimulating thought, we offer you the following program. In it, or in some part of it, we believe that every member of Central Parish will find something of interest. Moreover, we hope that many of you will actively co-operate with us to make this program a vital part of the religious life of our church.

I. Discussions of Books. At several of our mid-week meetings this winter and

spring, religious books will be discussed. For one thing, there will be short personal book reviews by our own members. We shall also have interesting speakers from outside to give us definite suggestions and help. There will be ample opportunity for questions.

II. Selected Reading Lists. With this letter we are sending you "A Selected List of Religious Books," prepared by us with the assistance of Dr. Ellis. We are planning within a month to issue a second bulletin of the same type. Won't you help us by offering suggestions as to additional titles?

III. Book Reviews. We want you to do more than suggest titles. What religious books are you reading, and what are you finding of value in them? We plan to print a bulletin containing six or eight very brief book reviews by various members of our parish. We suggest 100 words as the limit.

IV. A Book Club. We hope soon to form a Central Church Book Club. Each member will purchase one religious book of his choice, and then exchange with other members according to some regular plan. If you are at all interested, communicate with any member of the committee as soon as possible.

V. Books at Church. Within a short time we shall have, on two Sundays, a book table in the chapel. Here we shall have some of the most important religious books of the day to lend. Still others will be on exhibit for you to examine. We shall also be able to take orders for books.



Boris Artzybasheff presents John Macrae with the bill for his illustrations for Mukerji's "Ghond The Hunter"

In the Bookmarket

EANING No Offense" is the title of the collected parodies of John Riddell which have appeared in Vanity Fair and are issued in book form by John Day. They are imaginary interviews with authors, or as he himself writes "untutored memories of a senile reviewer adventuring amid last year's Best Sellers." It is known that John Riddell is a nom de plume and whether or not it means anything that his hat size, according to the report of Dobbs, is the same as that of Corey Ford, we don't know. Dorothy Parker has been known to state that "Constant Reader," that other reviewer who makes life uncomfortable for poor authors, is not Dorothy Parker. The final chapter in the book is a parody of Frances Newman's "Dead Lovers are Faithful Lovers." It is a gruesome coincidence that the date mentioned in the parody as the one on which the leading feminine character, Isabel Evelyn, commits suicide, was the same date on which Miss Newman went into a coma from which she never roused before her death two days later. Inasmuch as the medical examiner reported Miss Newman's death as suicide the publishers, John Day, have inserted little slips in the book before the final chapter which read: "The first edition of 'Meaning No Offense' was completely printed and bound before the untimely death of Miss Frances Newman, whose novel, 'Dead Lovers Are Faithful

Lovers,' is parodied in these pages. This parody had previously appeared in the pages of Vanity Fair. In view of this fact and in view of Miss Newman's challenging position in contemporary letters, the publishers have thought fit to retain the chapter in the book."

Laura Benét is to be represented on the spring list of Doubleday, Doran by a book of poems titled "Noah's Dove." The titlepoem was well received when it appeared in The New Yorker last year. Miss Benét is associate editor of the Literary Review of the New York Evening Post, and author of "Fairy Bread," a book of poems which Thomas Seltzer published and which is now out of print. She is a sister of William Rose Benét and Stephen Vincent Benét.

The eighteenth annual exhibit of children's books suggested as holiday gifts in the children's room of the New York Public Library will open on November twelfth. Anne Carroll Moore, who has made these openings distinguished gatherings has sent out invitations. Paul Honoré will speak on illustration of books, and inasmuch as this is the first time an illustrator has been the guest of honor it is more or less the artists' triumph.

Frank Norris' memory is to be honored by the production thru Doubleday, Doran & Company of the Argonaut Manuscript Edition in ten volumes at \$150, the edition limited to 245 numbered sets. Into each set will be tipped a piece of the original manuscript of "McTeague." Norris, who came into national attention only with the publishing of his "Octopus" in 1901, died the following year, and, altho assured by half a dozen books of a place in the literary history of the country, has not been available in any complete uniform edition for some time. This new set will contain in Volume 10 collected writings hitherto unpublished. Its introduction will be supplied by his brother, Charles G. Norris.

On November 20th, Victor Gollancz of London, will publish "The Diary of Tolstoy's Wife," a translation from the Russian "The Diaries of Sophia Andreyevna Tolstoy." The book will be published in this country by Payson & Clarke who are rushing an American edition to press. The publication date will be announced shortly.

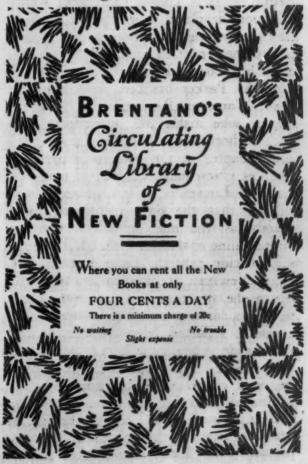
vance orders have enabled them to reduce the price before publication from \$2.00 to \$1.50. * * * * Lewis E. Lawes, whose experiences as warden of Sing Sing prison are embodied in his book, "Life and Death in Sing Sing," Doubleday, Doran, will talk in the recital room of the Barbizon Hotel on the evening of November 15th. * * *

Today, November 10th, Knopf is issuing T. S. Eliot's "Poems" in a new edition. The volume is being entirely reset and great care is being taken for the appearance of the volume. Knopf is also publishing, especially for the holiday trade, the three Zola volumes, "L'Assommoir," "Germinal" and "Nana," now included in the Borzoi Classics, attractively boxed, to sell as a set.

THIS BOOK BELONGS TO BRENTANOS CIRCULATING LIBRARY OF NEW FICTION

The front and the side of the bright red and black jacket used by Brentano's circulating library Robert Innes Center, president of the Detective Story Club, gave a dinner last week in honor of the Board of Selection of his organization. Many critics and persons prominent in publishing in New York attended. The fifty or more guests received autographed copies of the Club's first selection "The Cobra Candlestick" by Elsa Barker, and the author who is passing the winter on the Riviera sent a cable.

The first ten copies of Willy Pogany's "Mother Goose" will go to the highest bidders, the publishers, Thomas Nelson & Sons, have announced. A first edition of 500 numbered and autographed copies has been printed and the first ten numbered copies will be sent to the booksellers who place the highest bid. Bidding is to be done by mail and the contest will close at midnight on November 15th. No dealer will be sold more than one of the first ten copies. Any further details may be had from the publishers in New York. & & Macmillan has just issued Owen Wister's works in a uniform edition. There are eleven volumes and Mr. Wister has written a new foreword to each one. The set is sold in a cloth as well as in a leather binding.



"The Well of Loneliness" Not To Be Published Here

LFRED A. KNOPF, INC., have announced that they will not publish "The Well of Loneliness" by Radclyffe Hall, for which they have had a contract for the American market, signed last June. The work was accepted after having been read by four readers, including two of the members of the firm, who all agreed that it was the work of a gifted writer who probably had before her a distinguished career, and, while it dealt with a very delicate subject and one that might be regarded by many as taboo, it did so without offense. The book was announced for October, presumably in simultaneous publication with the English edition of Jonathan Cape. Mr. Cape, however, anticipated the date and published the book in July. It was very favorably reviewed in the Times Literary Supplement, the Morning Post and other outstanding London papers, including weekly reviewing mediums. The London Sunday Express, however, took great exception to the book and in a spectacular denunciation announced a campaign against it and carried this thru.

The Home Secretary, into whose department fall the responsibilities of censorship, was asked by Jonathan Cape whether he would suggest withdrawing the book from circulation. On August 23rd the Home Secretary did so request such withdrawal, and the British publisher acceded to his request. The author made no attempt to compel the publisher to carry out the agreement or to continue the sale of the book. The work has since been reissued by the Pegasus Press of Paris at 150 francs, and the American and English public has been

circularized for purchase.

The author's earlier book was "Adam's Breed," and this was awarded in 1926 the Femina Vie Heureuse Prize and the James Tait Black Memorial Prize. Writing in the Criterion, the editor says, "If there is to be any discrimination, otherwise censorship, then the intention of the author should count for more than his success. We have read the book, whose literary merit is not so great as the author hoped it might be. She is passionately sincere; she is obviously a cultivated person with literary standards and ambitions; and has

tried to write something which should be both a literary masterpiece and a monument of special pleading for the social status of the sexual invert. She does not succeed either as writer or as pleader, and for the same reason: she has no sense of

The English edition carried an introduction by Havelock Ellis in which he said that "The Well of Loneliness" possessed a notable psychological and sociological significance and should be placed on a high

level of distinction.

Junior Book Club

THE Junior League Magazine, which serves the interest of the various Junior Leagues scattered thru the different cities and suburbs of the country and whose headquarters are 140 East 63rd Street, New York, is launching in December the Junior Book-of-the-Month Club. service is not to be confined to Junior League members, and the effort is to make it a national program. Books have been submitted by most of the important publishers, according to Mrs. Sherman P. Haight of the Committee. They have been at work on the Committee but its complete personnel has not yet been announced.

"The aim of the Club," writes Mrs. Haight, "is to give children not only the best of the new books but new editions

of the classics as well."

The list is divided into three groups:

Books for the pre-school Age. Books for Children six to nine. Books for Children nine to twelve.

Supplementary lists of more expensive books and books on special subjects will

also be sent out.

Subscriptions will be offered on two bases: \$25 a year entitles a subscriber to one book a month in any one of the three classes which he may designate, the volume to be delivered postpaid. There will also be a fifteen dollar subscription, which will be virtually a deposit against which orders will be credited, postage added. books can be ordered in any month from the bulletins received, but not less than six books in a year.

The Junior League is going at this problem as an educational matter, and a December copy of the magazine will have the

first general announcement.

The Small, Maynard Failure

A S settlement in full of the accounts against Small, Maynard & Company of Boston, checks have been sent out by the attorney for the first and final dividend of 1½% which has been allowed.

It would be hard to imagine a more complete and disastrous example of bad financing, and Norman White, who took over the concern from its founders and who has carried it on for a number of years, brought before the Massachusetts Courts for fraud, was sentenced on October 8th to 5 years imprisonment. Using the name of the firm, he borrowed from a great number of New England banks and built up a large indebtedness. At one time in its early days the firm was famous for its successes like "The Letters of a Self-Made Merchant to His Son," "Mr. Dooley," and, in the last few years, its outstanding successes as a money maker was "The Sheik."

Many of the titles on the Small, Maynard list were sold out by the receiver in bankruptcy, the price being about \$50 for some 400 titles. These the purchaser is now selling back to authors at from ten to one hundred dollars according to the Author's League Bulletin which labels the transaction "The Boston Massacre."

Society Exhibits Bibles in 380 Languages

THE New York Bible Society has been collecting Bibles, in various languages in actual circulation in different parts of the world and has brought together 380 volumes, which are now on exhibit at the Bible House, East 48th Street, New York. Every Book is in a different language or dialect. They are not volumes of ancient tongues but are languages in actual use Some of the volumes are of languages that within the past eighteen months were only spoken and within this period have been reduced to writing and portions of the Scriptures first published. Many of these languages represent millions of people in Africa, India and the islands of the Pacific. The New York Bible Society has a separate Exhibit of 67 languages in which the Society is circulating the Scriptures in the city and harbor of New York and among the foreign populations coming into our country.

Simplification

SO many American booksellers are dealers in stationery as well as books that the completion of the conference on simplification in stationery is of general interest. At a conference in West Baden on October 9th between the Division of Simplified Practice of the United States Department of Commerce and representatives of the National Association of Stationers, Office Outfitters and Manufacturers, the whole problem was discussed. George Schuster, speaking for the government, pointed out that many surveys had shown that 80% of the retail business in many lines of merchandise came from 20% of the varieties offered, and the slow turning lines were a great drag on the business. He said that if heavy inventory and slow turnover were problems of the stationery business, the application of simplified practice would help the situation by eliminating deadwood.

The Case of Real Names Appearing in Novels

BECAUSE he bears the same name as one of the incidental characters in Edna Ferber's novel, "Show Boat," Wayne Damron, of Catlettsburg, Kentucky, recently sued Miss Ferber for \$25,000 damages, and asked for an injunction restraining further publication of the book until his name is taken out. The court has reserved decision, following the attorney's arguments. Newman Levy, himself a writer, is Miss Ferber's attorney.

Suits of this variety recall the situation obtaining in England some years ago, and to some extent today. Persons who found names the same as their own in works of fiction were allowed to collect damages in court. Thus, in many cases authors innocent of intentionally casting aspersions on particular persons had to settle or defend a suit, and in order to prevent this, the authors began providing their characters with preposterous and unlikely names, to the detriment of the artistic value of their books.

In commenting editorially on the damages Mr. Damron alleges he has suffered, the New York World says, "The grievance of a person in these circumstances, one suspects, is largely imaginary."

"For Readers of Foreign Books"

Roy Temple House

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WE are not a nation of linguists, and yet there are in the aggregate many millions of Americans who read books in other languages than English. But it has not been easy for the average American, especially those not living in large cities, to inform themselves as to the new books that are appearing even in French, German, Spanish and Italian. Various countries, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, possess useful quarterly, fortnightly, monthly, even weekly book review publications which in most instances devote the bulk of their space to native publications.

Very few American magazines pay much attention to new foreign books. The learned publications, it is true, call attention to the most important studies in their particular lines, but it is conceivable that a book might stir all Europe and never be mentioned in the book-review columns

of any American periodical.

Two years ago a group at the University of Oklahoma set in motion a modest effort looking toward the supplying of this need. We issued, January, 1927, the first number of a little quarterly magazine called Books Abroad, which concerns itself entirely with new books in languages other than English. We have not, thus far, set any limitations as to the type of book reviewed. Naturally, since our space and what we conceive to be our main purpose forbid profundity, we have to do mostly with books of a more or less popular nature; but one of our most prominent traits has been our versatility.

It was agreed that until the idea had been tried out thoroly, the magazine should be distributed without charge, as the University bulletins are done. We prepared a list of a hundred or two leading public libraries, three or four hundred important college libraries, and several hundred language professors and others who were presumably interested in our stock in trade, and sent them the first is-

sue unsolicited. Ever since the first number appeared, requests have been coming in from every state in the union and a score of foreign countries, distributed over all five continents, till an initial printing of one thousand copies has been more than doubled.

There was also the problem of contributors. We had no money. The University of Oklahoma is as impecunious as all other over-crowded state universities, and the management was doing its generous best in assuming the expense of printing and mailing the magazine. It remained to be seen whether scholars and critics in this country and abroad would help us with no other payment than permission to keep the books reviewed. It transpired that many of them were glad to do so. A good number of our reviews are signed by the most eminent scholarly names in this country.

To handle even the two or three hundred books which are mentioned in each issue of ninety-six small pages, we must cultivate the virtue of brevity. However we state the theme, purpose, character, and quality in such a way that readers will be interested and that prospective buyers will have some knowledge of the book.

The financial phase of our undertaking still remains a little disquieting. We are not ready to go to a subscription basis. We do not know how long the University of Oklahoma can and will carry our burden. The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace has recognized us as an international utility to the extent of presenting us with a cash gift of two thousand dollars, to be used in developing and improving our publication. We hope internationally-minded organizations and individuals will help us further. With an assured annual subsidy, even a small one, we believe that we could become an institution of permanent usefulness.

Books Abroad will be sent without charge to libraries and interested individ-

uals upon request.

Books and the South

A Comment on Howard Mumford Jones' Recent Article in These Pages on "Books and The South"

Edwin Bjorkman

Literary Editor, The Ashville "Times"

THE September 29th issue of the *Publishers' Weekly* reached me this morning and I wish to thank you cordially for the printing of the Jones article.

I knew nothing about this article until I read it in your columns. That it pleased me; is to put it very mildly. In saying this, I am not thinking merely of Professor Jones's kind references to myself and my book page. It is the spirit and object of the article that give me the greatest satisfaction.

If he and I had had long consultations about what he was to write, he could not more faithfully have expressed my own feelings about what is needed here in the South.

We need three things to put the South as a literary market on a level with the rest of the country. First, we need the right kind of literary criticism, and plenty of it, by persons who are well known down here. Secondly, we need encouragement of such critical media by book advertising and quotations (and I can speak the more freely of the last mentioned need because my own name is used often enough in publishers' advertisements and announcements, so that I have no personal axe to grind). Thirdly, and above all, we need the right kind of bookstores, of which there are now mighty few.

To get the bookstores, which are the key to everything, credit must be granted and the public desire to read must be stimulated in every way . . . and thus you get back to local book pages and the need of encouraging these thru judiciously placed and selected outside advertising.

The situation will never change to any large extent unless the publishers will take a far-sighted view of it and work consistently toward improvement, spending a

certain amount of money without immediate returns in order to obtain much larger returns later. And they must bear in mind that, in spite of momentary depression and money tightness, the South is on the verge of an era of never before experienced prosperity. Unless the publishers act in time and act wisely, the first results of this prosperity will, as far as the literary market is concerned, go to purveyors of cheap magazines.

My own experience shows what can be done even under existing conditions. Greater Ashville has only 60,000 inhabitants. The Ashville Times has only a circulation of 20,000. Yet my page has become known far beyond this district. It is widely read and it has unmistakably influenced the sale of books here. It has influenced our literary circulation. has brought to light several excellent amateur critics who had never written a line before I persuaded them to try. I get letters from all over the country . . . literally . . . written by men and women willing to become volunteer reviewers. And some of these are pretty well known in the literary field at that.

This is a psychological moment. A change is under way. I hope that the publishers can be made to see it and to give active help in hastening the promised development.

P. S.—By the by, if I could have a reasonable amount of outside advertising, I could get the page as a whole used by half a dozen of the largest papers in this state, and probably also by some papers outside of North Carolina. As it is my page is partly used by the Raleigh News and Observer and the Greensboro Record, both in North Carolina.

Obituary Notes DR. FRANK CRANE

DR. FRANK CRANE, author of many widely read books of essays, and for over twenty-five years a minister, died in Nice, France, on November 5th. Dr. Crane was sixty-seven years of age at the time of his death, having been born in 1861, at

Urbana, Illinois.

From 1882 until 1909 he was an active minister, the Trinity and Hyde Park Methodist Episcopal Churches of Chicago, and the Union Congregational Church of Worcester, Massachusetts, being some of his best known charges. In 1909 he turned to journalism, and until the time of his death he was syndicated editorial writer for about fifty newspapers in the principal cities of the world. It was at one time reported that he had over five million daily readers. He had also been editor of Current Opinion. His best known books include one recently published, "The Ten Commandments." Some of his earlier volumes were: "The Religion of Tomorrow," "Vision," "Adventures in Common Sense," "Four Hundred Essays," "The Song of the Infinite," "The Crane Classics," and his only autobiographical work, "Why I Am a Christian.

REV. FRANCIS J. FINN

THE REV. FRANCIS J. FINN, noted Catholic educator and author of many popular boys' books, died of heart disease in Cincinnati on November 2nd. Father Finn was born in St. Louis, Mo., October 4, 1859. Upon the completion of his college career he entered the Society of Jesus in 1879. He was director of the St. Xavier school in Cincinnati, and editor of the St. Xavier Calendar since 1907. In 1924 he founded the "Little Flower Library." He has written innumerable books for boys, among them "Percy Wynn," 1890; "The Football Game," 1897; "That Office Boy," 1915; "Facing Danger," 1919; "Bobby in Movieland," 1921; "Lord Bountiful," 1923; "The Story of Jesus," 1924 and "Candles' Beams," 1926.

ELIZA SCIDMORE

ELIZA RUHAMAH SCIDMORE died in Geneva, Switzerland, on November 3rd at the age of 72. She was born in Madison. Wisconsin, on October 14, 1856. For the

last five years she has lived at Geneva studying the League of Nations, of which she was an earnest advocate. Miss Scidmore was the author of many books, the greater number of them concerned with the Far East where she lived for some years. Among her volumes were "Alaska," 1885; "Jinrikisha Days in Japan," 1890; "Java, The Garden of the East," 1897; "China, The Long-Lived Empire," 1900; "Winter India," 1903; "As the Hague Ordains," 1907.

Changes in Price

· WILLIAM MORROW AND COMPANY
The price of "The Book of Earths" by Edna Kenton, has been changed from \$5.00 to \$6.00. ALFRED A. KNOPF, Inc.
Claude Anet's "The End of the World" has been reduced from \$3.00 to \$2.50.

Periodical Notes

THE FIRST ISSUE of the Educational Review combined with School and Society appeared November 3rd. The editorship will be directed by Dr. J. McKeen Cattell, with the cooperation of William Mc-Andrew. E. J. Devine continues his association with the magazine. Educational Review was founded in 1891 by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University. It was acquired by the Science Press from Doubleday, Doran last Hereafter it will be published weekly in combination with School and Society.

THE SPECIAL FEATURES of the Chicago Daily News are now combined in a tabloid magazine. Among these features is the literary review. At this same time Robert Ballou resigns as literary editor and is succeeded by Howard Vincent O'Brien, who is the author of "Wine, Women and War" and who up until now has devoted his time to the advertising field.

Business Note

PITTSBURGH, PA.—In the issue of September 8, 1928, the Publishers' Weekly carried a reference to the bankruptcy of the Priscilla Guthrie Book Shop. The note referred to the announcement of final payments on the accounts of the business which failed in 1927 and had no reference, as might have been inferred, to the reorganized and refinanced business known as Priscilla Guthrie's Inc., which is continuing in the old location.

The Weekly Record of New Publications

HIS list aims to be a complete and accurate record of American book publication. Pamphlets will be included only if of special value. Publishers should send copies of all books promptly for annotation and entry, and the receipt of advance copies insures record simultaneous with publication. The annotations are descriptive, not critical; intended to place not to judge the books. Pamphlet material and books of lesser trade interest are listed in smaller type.

The entry is transcribed from title page when the book is sent for record. Prices are added except when not supplied by publisher or obtain-able only on specific request, in which case word "apply" is used. When not specified the binding is "cloth."

Imprint date or best available date, preferably copyright date in brackets, is always stated, except when imprint date and copyright date agree and are of the current year, in which case only "c" is used. No ascertainable date is designated

Sizes are indicated as follows: F (folio: over 30 centimeters high); Q (4to: under 30 cm.); O (8vo: 25 cm.); D (12mo: 20 cm.); S (16mo: 17½ cm.); T (24mo: 15 cm.); sq., obl., nar., designate square, oblong, narrow.

Adams, Franklin Pierce

Column book of F. P. A. 329p. nar. O '28 c. '05-'28 Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday,

Selected items from the Conning Tower including some of the translations from Horace, parodies, poetry and prose.

Adcock, Arthur St. John

The glory that was Grub Street. 350p. il. (pors.) D [n. d.] N. Y., Stokes \$2.50 Impressions of contemporary English and Amerian authors, illustrated with camera studies by E. Q.

Allen, Nancy Armistead

Prayer. 127p. (bibl.) S (Little studies on great themes) [c. '28] N. Y., Revell \$1

Jews are like that! 241p. il. (pors.) O c. An analysis of the lives of nine well-known American Jews, showing their virtues and their faults—

Angers, Wilfred J.

American and Arabian love. 231p. D [c. '28] Bost., Stratford Love story of an American in the French legions in Morocco and an Arabian princess.

Arabian Nights

Poetry, proverbs, philosophy from The Arabian nights; comp. by Almeda B. and Edgar H. Hyman. 44p. T [c.'28] Compilers, [Los Angeles, 221 S. New Hampshire Ave.] bds. \$1

Arblay, Mme. Frances Burney d'

Diary and letters of Madame D'Arblay; 3 v. various p. D '28 N. Y., Warne Asquith, Lady Cynthia Mary Evelyn Charteris The Duchess of York. 228p. il. (col. front.) O.c. Phil., Lippincott "An intimate and authentic life-story including many details hitherto unpublished, told with the personal approval of Her Royal Highness." The funny bone; new humorous stories.
303p. D c. N. Y., Scribner \$2
By P. G. Wodehouse, E. F. Benson, Compton Mackenzie, Wyndham Lewis and others.

Bailey, Temple

The star in the well; a Christmas story. 46p. front. D [c. '28] Joliet, Ill., Volland pap., \$1, bxd.; flex. lea., \$2, bxd.

Baker, Olaf

Panther magic. 312p. il. (pt. col.) D c. N. Y., Dodd, Mead \$2

The story of a half-Indian boy and his strange friendship with a panther, in old frontier days.

Baker, Ray Palmer

Engineering education; essays for English; 2nd ed., rev. 233p. D '28 N. Y., Wiley \$2

Beard, Charles Austin, ed.

Whither mankind; a panorama of modern civilization. 415p. il. O c. N. Y., Longmans

Articles on the meaning and trends of various phases of civilization especially written for this volume by such experts as Bertrand Russell, Lewis Mumford, Emil Ludwig, Hendrik Van Loon, and many others, equally distinguished.

Beckford, William

Vathek; introd. by Ben Ray Redman; il. by Mahlon Blaine. 249p. (bibl. notes) O c. N. Y., \$5, bxd. A new edition of an oriental romance written by a enigmatic English gentleman of the late 18th an century.

Bemis, Samuel Flagg, ed.

The American Secretaries of State and their diplomacy; v. 8. 376p. (bibl. notes) il. (pors.)
O.c. N. Y., Knopf buck. \$4
Contains: "Frederick T. Frelinghuysen" by Philip
Marshall Brown, "Thomas F. Bayard" by Lester B.
Shipper, "James G. Blaine" (second term) by Joseph
B. Lockey, "John W. Foster" by William Castle,
jr., "Walter G. Gresham" and "Richard Olney" by
Montgomery Schuyler.

Baptist Young People's Union of America The commission plan for realizing the ideals of the Christian life program through the Young People's Society; the cabinet manual, the devotional life manual, the stewardship manual, the service manual, the fellowship manual; 5 v. various p.;

diagrs. D (Life enrichment ser.) [c. '28] Phil. [Judson Press]

Binkley, Wilfred Ellsworth

Problems and exercises in American government; national, state, municipal and local; 3rd. ed. rev. 112p. O '28 c. '27, '28 Ada, O., Author pap. 75 c.

Benham, Allen Rogers

Clio and Mr. Croce. 29p. D (Univ. of Wash. chapb'ks., no. 20) c. Seattle, Wash., Univ. of Wash. B'k. Store pap., 65 c.

Berry, William Ransted

The justice of Allah. 314p. D [c. '28] Bost., Hale, Cushman & Flint \$2

A romance of the Levant, of an Englishman brought up there and the daughter of a Pasha.

Uncle elephant's adventures. 126p. il. O '28 N. Y., Warne

Bodilly, Ralph Burland

The voyage of Captain Thomas James for the discovery of the northwest passage, 1631. 215p. front. (map) D '28 N. Y., Dutton \$2.50 The story of a voyage in a sailing ship of seventy tons with a crew of twenty-two, taken from the log of the captain.

Bond, Frederic Drew

Stock movements and speculation. 200p. (3p. bibl.) diagrs. D c. N. Y., Appleton \$2.50 A scientific study of factors affecting the stock

Bone, James
The London perambulator [new ed.]. 195p. il. D '28 c. '25 N. Y., Knopf

Bowie, Walter Russell

When Jesus was born; il. by Charles B. Falls. 20p. il. (col.) T c. N. Y., Harper

The story of Christmas retold for little children by the rector of Grace Church, New York.

Bridges, Horace James

Taking the name of science in vain. 273p. (bibl. footnotes) D c. N. Y., Macmillan \$2.50
Pleading the cause of religion against modern
thought that goes under the name of science.

Brightfield, Myron Franklin

Theodore Hook and his novels. front. O '28 Cambridge, Mass., Harvard \$4

Bryan, Sam

Wisconsin, and other poems. 115p. O c. Madison, Wis., Author \$1.50

Callan, Rev. Charles Jerome, and McHugh, Rev. John Ambrose

Hail Holy Queen; a book of prayer and counsel for Catholic girls and women; the Roman missal for Sundays. 728p. il. T [c. '28] N. Y., P. J. Kenedy flex. fab. \$2.50, bxd.

Carrier, Blanche, and Clowes, Amy

Building a Christian character; a course in religion for grade four or five in the

church schools. 319p. il. D c. Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday, Doran The pupil's book may also be purchased separately for 25c.

Chamberlin, Henry Harmon

Sir Aldengar [Norse myth]. 81p. '28 Bost.,

Chaucer, Geoffrey

The Canterbury tales. 65op. il. (col.) O ['28] Bost., Hale, Cushman & Flint buck. \$10 The edition illustrated by W. Russell Flint pub-lished in England by Jonathan Cape and the Medici

Cleveland, Philip Jerome

Her master [fiction]. 150p. O '28 Plain-ville, Conn., Plainville Press bds. \$2.50 bds. \$2.50

Collins, Bertrand

Rome express. 341p. D c. N. Y., Harper \$2.50

An American girl marries an Italian in the diplomatic service, and faces the problem of adapting herself to his Roman family and his precarious, exciting life.

Coulter, Ellis Merton

College life in the old south, 390p. (6p. bibl.) il., maps D c. N. Y., Macmillan \$3
The University of Georgia before the Civil War.

Birds of the British Isles; third ser. 374p. il. S '28 N. Y., Warne \$4.50

Cowling, George Herbert

A preface to Shakespeare. 172p. (bibl.) il.
D [n. d.] N. Y., Dutton \$2
A guide to the study of Shakespeare's work and times

Dayton, Bert

Bird rhymes; a book of new bird and field songs. 47p. D [c. '28] N. Y., Palisade Press, 125 Church St. 75 c.; pap., 35 c.

Defoe, Daniel

Premières aventures de Robinson Crusoe; ed. by Arthur Wilson-Green. 157p. front. D (Cambridge modern French ser., junior group) '28 N. Y., Macmillan \$1.25

De Haas, C. E.

Nature and the country in English poetry of the first half of the eighteenth century. 301p. O '28 N. Y., G. E. Stechert pap. \$2.75.

De La Mare, Walter John, ed.

Come hither; il. by Alec Buckels [new and rev. ed.]. 862p. O [c. '23, '28] N. Y., Knopf

Bishop, Mildred C., and Robinson, Edward K.

American history workbook; outlines, maps, tests, pictures, stories; pt. 2. 55p. il., maps Q c. 28 Bost., pap. 48 c.

Brothers, Elmer De Witt

Dental jurisprudence; an epitome of the law of dentistry and dental surgery; 2nd ed. 246p. (bibl. footnotes) D '28, c. '14, '28 St. Louis, Mo., C. V.

Bryce and Turpin

Little folk's library; 12 v. various p. il. (pt. col.) T '28 N. Y., Newson & Co. pap. \$2.40

Bryce, and others
Teachers' manual for The open door. 96p. D
(Newson readers, bk. 2) '28 N. Y., Newson & Co.

Buchanan, E. S. Illumination [verse] 70p. D '28 N. Y., Author, 400 Convent Ave.

Carnegie Institute of Technology 64p. il. O '28 College training in printing, 1028. 64p. il. O '28 Pittsburgh, Pa., Author, Dept. of Pr. pap. gratis Coyle, Grace L. Jobs and marriage? outlines for the discussion of the married woman in business. 101p. (bibls.) O [c. '28] N. Y., Womans Press pap. \$1 pap. gratis

De Ment, Byron Hoover, D.D.

The Bible readers' life of Christ; an inter-pretative account of the words and works of Jesus based upon the Gospel harmony. 332p. 0 [c. '28] N. Y., Revell

Dreiser, Theodore

Dreiser looks at Russia. 264p. il. O c. N. Y., Liveright The novelist reports what he saw during eleven weeks travel in all parts of Soviet Russia.

Purcell; tr. by Catherine Alison Phillips and Agnes Bedford. 238p. (2p. bibl.) il. D '28 c. '27, '28 N. Y., Knopf bds. \$2.50 A life of a distinguished English composer of the 17th century.

Eaton, Walter Prichard

Boy scouts of the Green Mountain trail. 320p. il. D (Boy scout ser.) '28 Bost., Wilde \$1.75

Ervine, St. John Greer

How to write a play. 126p. D c. N. Y., A noted English dramatist explains play-writing technique.

Fairy shoemaker (The), and other fairy poems; il. by Boris Artzybasheff. 114p. O c. N. Y., Macmillan bds. \$2
Including also "The Fairies" by William Allingham; "Sleepyhead" and "Berries" by Walter De La
Mare; and "The Forsaken Merman" by Matthew
Arnold.

Farnham, Mateel Howe [Mrs. D. T. Farnham]

Marsh-fire. 351p. D c. N. Y., Dodd, Mead

The story of a business woman who lavished on her employer all that she would have lavished on a husband and children, had she married.

Fay, Sidney Bradshaw

The origins of the World War; 2v.: v. I, Before Sarajevo; v. 2, After Sarajevo. 568p.; 588p. (bibl. footnotes) il., maps O c. N. Y., Macmillan

A comprehensive study of the facts recently revealed by the German secret archives, the archives of the Austrian and Russian Governments and the memoirs of various statesmen active in pre-war

Fedotoff, G. P.

The Russian church since the revolution. 102p. D '28 N. Y., Macmillan \$1

Ferguson, Charles W.

The confusion of tongues; a review of modern isms. 464p. (4p. bibl.) il. O c. Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday, Doran 3.50 Discussions of theosophy, mormonism, new thought and other cults of today.

Findlay, J. T.

Wolfe in Scotland, in the '45 and from 1749 to 1753. 336p. (3p. bibl.) il. O '28 N. Y., Longmans An account of the early military experience of General Wolfe in Scotland at the time of the '45 Rebellion.

Fisher, A. Hugh

Frolics with Uncle Yule. 63p. il. Q [c. '28] Bost., Hale, Cushman & Flint bds. \$2 Nonsense poems and pictures for children.

Flower, Walter Newman

Franz Schubert, the man and his circle: 382p. (33p. bibl.) il. (col. front.) O [c. '28] N. Y., Stokes A biography containing much new material about Schubert's personal life from letters and the diaries of his friends.

Forsyth, C. H.

Introduction to the mathematical theory of finance. 205p. O '28 N. Y., Wiley

Foster, Harry La Tourette

The Caribbean cruise. 359p. (6p. bibl.) il., maps (pt. col.) D c. N. Y., Dodd, Mead \$3 A guide to the West Indies, and the Mexican, Central and South American lands bordering on the Caribbean Sea.

French. Allen

The taking of Ticonderoga in 1775; the. British story. 96p. front. O '28 Cambridge, Mass., Harvard

Fuller, Robert H.

Jubilee Jim; the life of Colonel James Fisk, jr. 574p. il. O c. N. Y., Macmillan A narrative biography of a melodramatic figure of nineteenth century America.

Garnett, Lucy Mary Jane

Ottoman wonder tales [new ed.]. 277p. il. (col.) D (Black's boys' and girls' lib.) '28 [N. Y.] Macmillan

Goldstein, Benjamin F.

Marketing: a farmer's problem. 344p. (12p. bibl.) O c. N. Y., Macmillan \$3.50
The history of grain marketing from 1828 to the present.

Duvel, J. W. T., and Hoffman, G. Wright
Major transactions in the 1926 December wheat
future. 52p. (bibl. footnotes) diagrs. O (U. S.
Dept. of Agriculture, technical bull. 79) '28 Wash.,
D. C., Gov't Pr. Off., Supt. of Doc. pap. 10 c.

Eames, Wilberforce The first year of printing in New York, May 1693
April 1694. 25p. il. Q '28 N. Y., N. Y. Public рар. 50 с.

Favro, Earle T.
On the trunk of the old fallen tree. 96p. S cl'28
Fort Wayne, Ind., Glad Tidings Pub. Co. pap. 40 c.

God's good gifts; 3rd bk., primary 3rd year; for the teacher. 18op. il. O (Religious educ. texts)

[c. '28] Phil., United Lutheran Pub'n House 85 c.; pupil's ed. 60 c.

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Fisher, George J., M.D., ed.

Official volley ball; all rules adopted by the National Amateur Athletic Federation. 158p. il., diagrs. S (Spalding's "Red Cover" ser., no. 120R) c. '28 N. Y., Amer. Sports Pub. Co.

Fjeldstad, Rev H. O.

The Sunday school teacher's guide; catechisations on the Catechism, the explanation and attributes of God. 135p. D [c. '28] Minneapolis, Augsburg Pub. House

House pap. 50 c. Gibbons, Charles E., and Stansbury, Chester T. Child labor in Mississippi. 34p. O (Pub'n 346)
28 [N. Y.], National Child Labor Committee pap. 25 c.

Gothein, Marie Luise

A history of garden art; ed. by Walter P. Wright; tr. by Mrs. Archer-Hind; 2 v. 483p.; 501p. (2p. bibl.) il., diagrs. Q ['28] N. Y., buck. \$25, bxd.

Horticultural art as it has emerged in divers lands thru many centuries.

Grady, William E., and Klapper, Paul

Readings for the fifth year; first half; second half. 255p.; 256p. (bibls.) D [c.'28] N. Y., Scribner

Readings for the sixth year; first half; second half. 256p., ea. (bibls.) D [c.'28] 64 c., ea. N. Y., Scribner

Graham, Walter, ed.

Selections from the Tatler, the Spectator and their successors. 422p. S (Nelson's English ser.) c. N. Y., Nelson flex. cl. \$1.25

Hall, Hazel

Cry of time [lim. ed.]. 99p. front. (por.) D [c.'28] N. Y., Dutton bds. \$2.50 bds. \$2.50 A posthumous collection of poems by the author of "Walkers."

Harlow, Alvin Fay

Old post bags; the story of the sending of a letter in ancient and modern times. 515p. (2p. bibl.) il. O c. N. Y., Appleton

The history of mail service all over the world including many tales of the dangers and hardships endured by postmen in the early stages of the service.

Hatch, Eric

A couple of quick ones. 201p. D c. N. Y., bds. \$1.75 McBride

The diary of a young-man-about-New York and Long Island, who wakes up one morning to find himself married to the wrong girl.

Heacox, Arthur Edward

Project lessons in orchestration. 180p. (bibl.) D (Music students lib.) [c. '28] Bost., Oliver Ditson Co. \$1.50

Hicks, Edward

Sir Thomas Malory. 131p. il. O '28 Cambridge, Mass., Harvard

Hoskin, George Clarence

Spick and span; adventures of two rabbits [juvenile]. 111p. il. D [c.'28] N. Y., Revell

Hotson, Leslie

The Commonwealth and Restoration stage. 437p. il. O '28 Cambridge, Mass, Harvard Howell, George Coes

The case of whiskey. 256p. O '28 Altadena, Cal., Author

Howes, Frank

Appreciation of music. 95p. S (Workers' Educational Ass'n outlines) '28 N. Y., Long-

Huddleston, Sisley

Paris salons, cafés, studios. 366p. il. O c. Phil., Lippincott Anecdotes of and comments upon the Parisian literary and artistic world of this century.

Hügel, Friedrich, freiherr von Readings from Friedrich von Hügel; ed. by Algar Thorold; with an introductory essay on his philosophy of religion. 385p. front. (por.) D '28 N. Y., Dutton \$3

Hurst, George Leopold

The literary background of the New Testament. 163p. (bibl. footnotes) D c. N. Y. Macmillan

Hutchinson, Vere

The other gate, and other stories. 291p. D. N. Y., Knopf bds. \$2.50 Realistic short stories, some of them with an element of horror.

Jackman, Edward F.

Poems. 71p. D'28 Bost., Four Seas \$2

Jacobs, Thornwell

Islands of the blest, and other poems. 335p. il. O c. Oglethorpe Univ., Ga., Oglethorpe Univ. Press

Jagendorf, Moritz Adolph, ed.

Nine short plays; written for young people to stage. 221p. il. O c. N. Y., Macmillan

Costume plays suitable for children to act and produce.

Jenny, Gerald

The young people's movement in the American Lutheran church; a review and an esti-mate. 188p. (3p. bibl.) D c. Minneapolis, Augsburg Pub. House \$1.25

Jörgensen, Johannes

Jorgensen; an autobiography; tr. by Ingeborg Lund. 326p. D [n.d.] N. Y., Longmans

A philosophical, introspective narrative, dealing, in the main, with the changes in the author's religious beliefs.

Kenton, Edna

The book of earths. 315p. (5p. bibl.) il., maps O c. N. Y., Morrow \$5

A history of man's attempts to fathom the mystery of space, his progressive conceptions of the earth and its relation to the universe, from the earliest times to the present.

Halsey, R. T. H., and Cornelius, Charles O.
A handbook of the American Wing; 4th ed. 313p.
il. O '28 N. Y., Metropolitan Museum of Art

Hudspeth, Willis
Sketches of the out-of-doors [verse]. 64p. nar. O
[c. 28] Omaha, Neb., Colonial Press, 17th and Web-

Hyland, Francis Edward
Excommunication, its nature, historical development and effects. 189p. (7p. bibl.) O (Canon law

studies, no. 49) '28 Wash., D. C., Catholic Univ.

of Amer.

Jackson, Joseph Henry

Christmas by the Golden Gate. 14p. il. S c. Bost.,
pap. 50 c. in envelope Houghton pap. 50 c. in envelope Junior hymnal, The. 302p. O [c. '28] Rock Island, Ill., Augustana B'k Concern

\$1; without music, 50 c.

Kean, C. P. Kean's manual of investment trusts. 866p. (bibl.) O '28 Bost., Financial Pub. Co. \$20

Lawrence, William Witherle

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CURRENT RARE BOOK NOTES

Frederick M. Hopkins

A NEWLY discovered copy of the first edition of Edgar Allan Poe's "Tamerlane" has been sold by Charles E. Goodspeed, the Boston Bookseller, to an Indianapolis collector, for a sum said to be in excess of \$20,000. This makes the sixth known copy of this rare American first edition, which holds a long lead over all other first editions of Ameri-

can authors in the high prices which it has brought and the unrivalled position it holds in our bibliographical annals. The fifth copy, then recently discovered, was listed in Goodspeed's catalog of November, 1925, and was sold to Owen D. Young, of New York, for \$15,000, or was so reported in the press. Of the other four copies, one is in the British Museum, an-

other is in the Henry E. Huntington Library and Museum at San Gabriel, Cal., the third is in the library of Frank B. Bemis, the Boston collector; and the fourth is in the collection of W. A. Clark, of New York and California. There has been rumors of still another copy of "Tamerlane" with a presentation inscription by Poe. George H. Sargent has characterized it as a "ghost book" and such it will remain until more is known about it. But one cannot help speculating what a choice perfect copy of the first edition of "Tamerlane" with the author's presentation inscription would bring. If a collector will pay \$20,000 in the cool atmosphere of a private sale, what would a fine presentation copy bring in the electric atmosphere of the auction room with the wealthy collectors in keen competition? If this question is ever answered under the hammer the reply will be a sensational one.

JAPANESE scholars are celebrating the final triumph of Dr. Yuzo Tsubouchi, honorary professor of Wasedo University in Tokio, in finishing a complete translation of the works of William Shakespeare into the Japanese language, a task that has taken him forty-three years. The work is in thirty-four volumes and is hailed by literary authorities as a perfect representation in Japanese of the English original. To commemorate the completion of this important work the pupils of Dr. Tsubouchi plan to establish a dramatic library at Wasedo University, and as a further testimonial the actors of the Tsukiji Theater will present "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Imperial Theater in Tokio. Dr. Tsubouchi began his translation of Shakespeare in 1885, when he was twentysix years old. He started with "Julius Caesar." He is now nearing his seventieth birthday and is very happy in having brought the great undertaking to a successful end.

IN CHARLES F. HEARTMAN'S first sale of Americana, at Metuchen, N. J., October 20, autographic material brought good prices. An A. L. S. of John Adams, 3 pp., 4to, February 9, 1813, fetched \$322.50; three short letters of Mark Twain, \$73; a manuscript of 8 pp. by James Fenimore Cooper, \$77.50; a man-

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THE Bicentenary of the birth of Oliver Goldsmith, which occurs today has brought out many fine tributes on both sides of the Atlantic. He lived but fortyfive years, yet he died a favorite, and today is regarded as one of the most lovable of English authors. A single paragraph, written by Washington Irving, has been quoted many times in recent months: "We read (Goldsmith's) character in every page and grow into familiar intimacy with him as we read. The artless benevolence that beams thruout his works; the whimsical but amiable views of human life and nature; the unforced humor, blending so happily with good feeling and good sense, and singularly dashed at times with a pleasing melancholy; even the very nature of his mellow, and flowing, and softly tinted style, all seems to bespeak his moral as well as his intellectual qualities and makes us love the man at the same time that we admire the author. While the productions of writers of loftier pretension and more sounding names are suffered to molder on our shelves, those of Goldsmith are cherished and laid in our bosoms. We do not quote them with ostentation, but they mingle with our minds, sweeten our tempers and harmonize our thoughts; they put us in good humor with ourselves and with the world, and in so doing they make us happier and better men."

THE auction season has been opened in London and much good material has already been sold at very fair prices. An important sale will take place at Sotheby's, November 12, 13 and 14,

which will include the first Four Folios of Shakespeare, a vellum Chaucer, an important collection of Kipling first editions, and other rarieties of many periods. Sotheby's report excellent prospects for a good season's business. The season has opened well, enthusiastic collectors are increasing in Great Britain, the demand for rarities of all kinds is increasing in America, and altogether the business conditions are On November sound and encouraging. 20, further selections from the library of the late Clement Shorter, and a collection of works by and relating to or contemporary with Dr. Samuel Johnson and James Boswell, formed by the late Richard Harrison, of Brighton, will be dispersed. On November 26 the property of the late William J. Worrall, of Coventry, comprising a considerable collection of the first editions of Charles Dickens, including a very fine copy of "Pickwick Papers" in the original parts, together with first editions of other authors of the Victorian period, and colored plate books of the Cruikshanks and of Rowlandson will be sold. The review of the personality and peculiarities of Charles Dickens, which has been receiving a great deal of attention in recent months, has greatly intensified interest in his books among collectors.

THE Bicentenary of the birth of Oliver Goldsmith is being commemorated by Yale University with an exhibition of his works in the University Library, which opened yesterday with a lecture given by Professor Katherin Balderston of Wellesley College, the editor of Goldsmith's letters and the compiler of the census of his manuscripts. The lecture was given in William L. Harkness Hall.

The exhibition is planned to illustrate the development of Goldsmith as a man of letters, and the extent and variety of his publications. The items exhibited have been limited to first editions of his works and those which have been attributed to him; to editions which represent revision by the author; to several early Dublin and American imprints of the major works; and to a few contemporary illustrations of his works. Translations and subsequent editions, such as complete sets of the editions of "The Traveller" and "The Deserted Village" which were published during Goldsmith's lifetime, tho available, have not been included.

The items selected fully represent his literary career from the trial review which gained him, in 1757, his first position as reviewer for the "Monthly Review," to the three volume collected edition of his essays at the close of the eighteenth century. Between these limits, except for the rare "Threnodia Augustalis," nearly all his works are included in first editions. The exhibition will continue thru November 18th.

Auction Calendar

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